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Sir,

There are two group of Cossacks at present at Shanghai. Both these groups represent the remnant of the detachment that arrived here on board the Russian steamer belonging to the so called ^{F.L.} Ataman Gleboff. Altogether there were approximately 1000 men landed here in Shanghai under the command of Gleboff. The majority of these Cossacks left some time ago for Soviet Russia, but the remainder, some 300 men, are now divided; 65 of them recognizing a certain Kozakov and the balance recognize Ataman Gleboff. Those recognizing Kozakov are not armed, whereas Gleboff's men are. -The former are engaged in ordinary labouring work while the latter under Gleboff are paid a monthly allowance and are fed clothed etc. The Gleboffites are quartered at stations on board the Russian military transport "Gdovsk" moored somewhere on the river. The discipline existing among these Gleboffites is strict. The majority of these Cossacks are from Trans Baikal, the others are from Ussuri in the Pre-Martime Province.

The funds supporting these Gleboffites are supposed to represent the following:-

- (1) Money received by Gleboff from the Japanese for work conducted by these Cossacks in Korea prior to their arrival here.
- (2) From the sale of arms to Chinese.
- (3) From the sale of a Russian steamer or mortgage of same.

It appears that altogether these Cossacks possessed some

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are being made.
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3000 Russian rifles, 5 or 7 machine guns, and 3 x 3" field pieces. The major portion of the above armaments have been surreptitiously sold here. Money was received both for the sale of one of the Russian boats and the mortgage of another.

An estimate of the total expenditure required for the upkeep of these Cossacks works out at \$6,000 a year. The ostensible object for retaining these Cossacks here is to defend the rights of the White Russian elements in connection with extraterritoriality, but the real object is political, the intention being to boost the existence of anti-Cossacks (anti-Reds) in order to keep the flame of Imperialism alive. It also forms a good graft as a means for political influence in America. The Russian population

numbered at Shanghai numbering some 15,000 persons view the presence of this armed detachment with fear and have been opposed to the idea ever since its birth, but the recent action of the Chinese authorities in hanging where several Russian traders were taken off on the grounds of being suspected as spies has produced a decided feeling against Gleboff and his men.

Alexander Gleboff in the Chao days was a sergeant and his rank of Captain has been practically speaking self appointed.

Lieutenant General N. S. Savaliouff is in charge of these Cossacks. He left Shanghai two days ago for Tsingtao and the reason of his departure is considered by many to be in connection with Mr. Dai Wu's proposed military activities.

It appears that Savaliouff is acting agent for Nikolai Merkuloff, (of the former Imperial Russian Government at Vladivostok in 1920) who is the chief of the Intelligence Department for

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General Chang Chung Chang, the Tugan of Shantung. General Chang Chung Chang was formerly a Manchutao operating on the Manchurian-Russian border at the time Gen Nikolai Morzhukoff was connected with a Russian Steamship Co. operating on the rivers Sungari and Amur. While pursued by the authorities, Chang Chung Chang sought refuge with Morzhukoff who saved him and so the general repaid his old confederate by promoting him to the post of chief of the Intelligence Department.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Gen. Sec.

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